

Issue #26

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1984AU ends with this issue. Ordinarily, I open another game when one finishes. But I've decided to cut down my work load some. I don't like having to rush to get the zine out on time, which seems to be happening more and more lately. So, I'm not going to open a game until the next one ends. I hope those of you who have been waiting to get into a game will continue to be patient.

I'm feeling much better this month. My thanks to everyone who expressed concern.

Standby pool for regular Diplomacy: Holley, Henry, Townsend, Fleming, Frueh, Drane, Peters. For WWIIb: Frueh, Langley. Does anyone want to be added to or removed from either list?

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Fall, 1906

ENGLAND (Milewski) F Iyo-MAR, F SPA(SC) S F Iyo-MAR, A yor-WAL.

FRANCE (Frueh?) NMR. A PAR H.

GERMANY (Townsend) A LON-yor, F bal-SWE, A KIE-mun, A BUR S A KIE-mun, F den S F bal-SWE(d,r hel,otb), F HOL-nth.

ITALY (Jensen) A PIE-ven, F tyn-NAP, F ROM S F tyn-NAP.

RUSSIA (Howard Christie) A tyo S A MUN(nsu), A BOH H(U), A SIL S A MUN, A BER S A MUN, A MUN S A BER, A PRU S A BER, A swe-DEN, F bot-BAL, F SKA S A swe-DEN, F NWG-nth, F EDI-yor, F bla-CON, A rum-BUL, A ser S A rum-BUL(d,r alb,rum,otb).

TURKEY (Plummer) A TYO-ven, F tun-TYN, F nap S F tun-TYN(d,r ion,apu,otb), F ion-GRE, F alb-TRI, A BUD S A bul-SER, F con-ANK, A bul-SER.

Deadline for Spring, 1907 is 9PM EST Friday, April 4, 1986. The proposed concession was defeated. No standby will be called for France.

1985V supply center chart - 1906

ENGLAND	lvp,por,spa,MAR.....	4, +1
FRANCE	bre,PAR.....	2, +1
GERMANY	kie,hol,bel,par,lon,SWE.....	5, -1
ITALY	rom,nap,par.....	2, -1
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,sev,swe,rum,nwy,vie,par,edi,ber,mun,ser,DEN,CON,BUL	13, even
TURKEY	par,ank,smy,par,gre,tri,ven,tun,BUD,SER.....	8, even

PRESS — England to France: Three centers is nothing to sneeze at. Ask Austria.

Turkey to Italy: It would have been him.

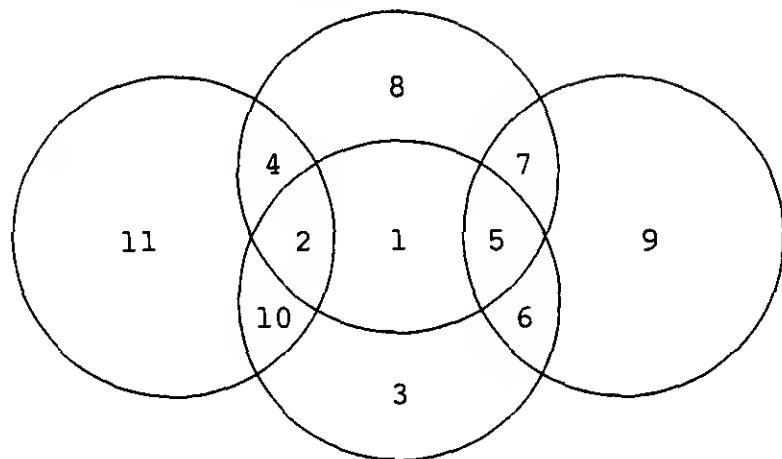
Turkey to England: Sure looks like it, doesn't it?

Turkey to Russia: Defensive? Sure, me too.

Italy to Turkey: Why ask me to give it up, now? Because I'm too small to hurt you. I would make some cracks about your intelligence, but who has fewer centers.

Puzzle Challenge

Here is last month's solution:



Your new puzzle:

1. A A A A A D G G G H N O P R
2. A A C E F H I R T T U W
3. I I I I N P R S S S T T
4. A E G G H J L M N O O U
5. A A C D E E M M N N O Y
6. A A E F F G H L L T U W
7. C D E E E I L O T T T V
8. C E E E F I K M N O R Y
9. A A B C D L O P R R U W
10. E E E E M M N O R R S Y

Each of the above letter combinations can be rearranged to form two six-letter words. How many can you get right? Deadline for solutions is Friday, April 4, 1986.

Bridge Challenge

♠ K J 9 8 6 5
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 6

Dealer South
 East-West vulnerable
 South West North East
 ♠ A Q 10 4 2 1♦ Double 2♦ Pass
 ♥ A Q 8 5 4♦ Pass Pass Pass
 ♦ A Q 8
 ♣ 4

West leads the club king against your spade game and continues with the ace. You will be able to make your contract if either the heart or diamond finesse succeeds. But the bidding suggests that the red kings may be unfavorably placed. Besides, it would be foolish to rely on a finesse if a better chance is available. Is there a better plan? Deadline for solutions is Friday, April 4, 1986.

Puzzle Champions

No one had a strong opinion about the puzzle competition. But the consensus seems to be approval of the idea of scoring the bridge puzzles separately from the others. That, then, is what we'll do.

Steve Langley, Bruce Linsey, Jim Lawniczak, and Matt Chen submitted correct solutions to last month's puzzle. Jim needed some help, so he scores less than the others. The current standings:

- 1/3. Matt Chen - 200 points
- 1/3. Steve Langley - 200 points
- 1/3. Bruce Linsey - 200 points
4. Jim Lawniczak - 160 points
5. Chuff Afflerbach - 100 points

1984CC

Fra: Removes F nat(nsu), GM removes F cly. Ita: F ven r otb.

Rus: Builds A SEV. Tur: Builds A ANK, A SMY.

Silverball

Winter, 1910

Spring, 1911

ENGLAND (Peacher) A EDI S A LVP, A LVP S A EDI.

FRANCE (Petersen) F LON-nth, A bel S A BUR(d,a), A BUR S A bel, A par-BRE, F PIC S A bel, A mar-SPA.

ITALY (Rauterberg) A rom h(d,r tus,apu,otb).

RUSSIA (Baker) A ber-KIE, A pie-MAR, A sev-RUM, F NTH S A ruh-BEL, F ENG-pic, F por-MID, A HOL S A ruh-BEL, A MUN-bur, A ruh-BEL, F BLA H(U), F NWG H(U), A TYO H(U), A VIE H(U), A GAL H(U).

TURKEY (Howard Christie) F AEG S A con-BUL, A con-BUL, F eas-ION, A VEN S A tun-ROM, F TYN C A tun-ROM, A NAP S A tun-ROM, A tun-ROM, F adr-TRI, F ion-ALB, A ank-ARM, A smy-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1911 is 9PM EST Friday, April 4, 1986. The proposed concession was defeated.

1985AC.

Saint Cleve

Summer, 1904

Aus: A hul r SER.

Fall, 1904

AUSTRIA (*Peacher*) A tri-VEN, F adr-ION, A ROM S A tri-VEN, F NAP S F adr-ION, A APU S F NAP, A hud-tri(d,a), A SER S A GRE, A GRE S A SER.

ENGLAND (cd) F YOR H, A EDI H.

FRANCE (*Peters*) A pic-PAR, F ENG-lon, F WAL-lon, A mar-PIE, A TUS-rom, F ion-nap(d,r eas,ah,tun,oth), F TYN S F ion-nap.

GERMANY (*Chen*) F swe-DEN, F hel-NTH, F nth-BEL, A RUH S F nth-BEL, A TYO-tri, A VIE S A gal-BUD, A gal-BUD.

ITALY (*Holley*) No units.

RUSSIA (*Geryk*) F nwg-NAT, F LVP H, A stp-MOS, F RUM-bul, F BLA S F RUM-bul, A BUL-ser.

TURKEY (*Kendter*) A ANK S A CON, A CON H, F AEG-gre.

Deadline for Spring, 1905 is 9PM EST Friday, April 4, 1986. The GM will remove the English fleet in Yorkshire in Winter, 1904. Last season, I incorrectly listed the Austrian army dislodged from Bulgaria as being annihilated. It had a retreat to Serbia available. Fortunately, two players informed me of the error immediately, so I was able to send all players a timely correction via postcard.

1985AC supply center chart - 1904

AUSTRIA	y/é,tri,bud,ser,gre,bul,ven,nap,ROM.....	6, -1
ENGLAND	lon,edi.....	1, -1
FRANCE	par,bre,mar,spa,por,tun,lon.....	7, even
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,den,hol,bel,swe,VIE,BUD.....	9, +2
ITALY	y/é.....	0, out
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,sev,rum,nwy,LVP,BUL.....	8, +2
TURKEY	con,ank,smy.....	3, even

PRESS — Berlin to Paris: The name of the game is *Diplomacy*. So write!

Berlin to St. Petersburg: Thanks for writing; I hope what you said is true.

Germany to Turkey: People living in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Bulgaria to floating Turks: Sorry, but we just have an aversion to your vacationing on the Peloponnese this season.

Austria to England: I still can't see how!

Austria to 17: The door is open now.

1984AU

Ragnarok

Summer, 1911

Aus: NRR. A rum r oth.

Fall, 1911

AUSTRIA (*Early*) NMR. A TYO H, A BOH H, A SIL H, F ADR H, A ROM H, A BUL H, F AEG H, A GAL H, A VEN H.

ENGLAND (*Ross*) F mid-WES, A mar-PIE, F spa(sc)-MAR, A BRE-par, F KIE S F BER, F BER S F KIE, F BEL S F HOL, F ENG S F BEL, A yor-DEN, F NTH C A yor-DEN, F ion-GRE, F TYN S F NAP, F NAP H, A SEV S A RUM, A RUM S A SEV, A WAR-sil, F HOL S F BEL.

GERMANY (*Petersen*) A MUN H, A RUH S A MUN, A BUR S A MUN, A PAR H.

TURKEY (*Rauterberg*) F SMY S A CON, A ARM laughs at Austria, A CON gets bored silly.

That's all, folks! Congratulations to the winner, Terry Ross. Deadline for endgame statements is 9PM EST Friday, April 4, 1986.

1984AU supply center chart - 1911

AUSTRIA	tri,bud,ser,bul,y/é,rom,nwy,vie.....	7, -2
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,nwy,swe,stp,por,mos,tun,sev,spa,den,bre,war,mar,hol,kie,BEL,GRE,NAP,RUM.....	21, +4
GERMANY	ber,mun,bul,par.....	3, -1
TURKEY	ank,smy,con.....	3, even

PRESS — London to Vienna: Beware the Ides of March!

1985CX

Isengard

Summer, 1902

Ger: A hol r RUH. Ita: A tyo r VEN. Tur: A ank r SMY.

Fall, 1902

AUSTRIA (*Langley*) A tri-VEN, A TYO S A tri-VEN, A bul-CON, A ser-BUL, F GRE-aeg

ENGLAND (*Hugh Christie*) A NWY S German F den-SWE, F nwg-BAR, F nth-DEN, F hol-NTH, F eng-BRE.

FRANCE (*Jensen*) F mid-NAF, A mar-SPA, A bur-GAS.

GERMANY (*Ross*) A ber-SIL, F kie-BAL, F den-SWE, A RUH S A MUN, A MUN S A RUH.

ITALY (*Springer*) A ven-tri(d,r tus,rom,apu,otb), A PIE S French A bur-mar(nso), F wes-MID, F tyn-LYO.

RUSSIA (*Kurucz*) A mos-STP, F swe h(u)d,r ska,bot,fin,otb, A RUM S Austrian A ser-BUL, A ANK S Austrian A bul-CON, F BLA S A ANK.

TURKEY (*Bakken*) A SMY-bul, F AEG C A SMY-bul, F con S A SMY-bul(d,a).

Deadline for Spring, 1903 is 9PM EST Friday, April 4, 1986.

1985CX supply center chart - 1902

AUSTRIA	vie,tri,bud,ser,gre,VEN,BUL,CON.....	8, +3
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,nwy,bel,BRE,DEN.....	7, +2
FRANCE	par,bre,mar,spa,por.....	4, +1
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,hol,swe.....	5, even
ITALY	rom,yen,nap,tun.....	3, -1
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,sev,rum,ANK.....	6, +1
TURKEY	otp,anx,smy,bul.....	1, -1

PRESS — Ice Cutter Minsk to German Fleet: Is that the thanks you get for letting me have Sweden? You betcha.

Turkey to world: Oops!

Austria to Turkey: Weep not the bitter tear.

Kremlin to F. M. Kurapov: We'll have you know that Rumania is now called Baja Russia, and just because you have a Russian name, does not necessarily mean you are welcome.

Austria to Russia: Not bad for a guy too busy with twins to look at the game.

Austria to Italy: Did it work?

Italy: King Vittorio Emmanuel, leading his forces to Munich for the second time, failed. The king decided to retreat his forces back to Venice for supplies and rest while the Austrians moved in to stop German expansion to the south. The king said before retreating, "I shall return and Munich *will* be a protectorate of the Kings of Sardinia!"

Turkey to France: Hey Pat! Pat Jensen! Is that you? What are you doing way over there?

France to Italy: Sorry, but your promises seem hollow. Let's hope I guessed right.

Rome: Pope Leo XIII in the Vatican today, excommunicated the entire German Armed Forces to eternal damnation. If they do not lay down their arms and surrender to the Italians, then more conventional means will have to be used, namely the Italian armed forces and the English Navy.

Trieste, October 17, 1902: Field Marshal Konstantin Kurapov was placed in charge of the Viennese Army today. After his successful invasion of Serbia, it was decided that Kurapov should lead the Viennese Army to winter quarters in Budapest.

When asked about his new nickname, "Wrongway Kurapov" the Field Marshal had "no comment!"

Smyrna: Please inform Field Marshal Kurapov that he march his soldiers straight into hell.

Kremlin State Fun and Games Dept: We have invented new game for our permanent residents of Siberia. First, take Diplomacy map and put Russian Army on each center. Now that you have predicted outcome of game, shuffle armies around until you find the proper combination of letters from all the centers combined that would spell the names of great Russian heroes from the past. All letters must be used. No time limit (In Siberia, you have all the time in the world!).

Ann Arbor to Kremlin: Sounds pretty good. If you'll send me the solution, I'll use it in "Puzzle Challenge".

The Bulletin Board

It is again time for the annual Runestone Poll. Enclosed you will find a ballot with instructions for how to participate. I hope everyone will take a few minutes to fill out a ballot and send it in, especially those "feuders" who are in the opposite camp of the pollster, Bruce Linsey. The poll will have the most meaningful results if *everyone* participates. (I realize I've been wasting my breath, as I know I cannot change anyone's mind, but every once in a while even I have to climb up on a soapbox).

Also enclosed with this issue is a registration form for MaryCon. If you wish to attend, see the form for further details.